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Scriptures. There is no clothing society, but in a Dorcas society connected with the Baptist congregation a preference is given to children of the school in the distribution of clothes, bread, tea, sugar, and coals, for which a collection is made amongst many of the subscribers to the society. The time devoted to direct instruction is  $3\frac{1}{2}$  hours. The children are questioned on what they learn, they receive prizes, and are occasionally visited. The school is held in the chapel gallery, and the children are clean and orderly.

12.—*Romney-terrace Sunday Wesleyan School.*

Established in 1814, and connected with the Wesleyan congregation of Romney-terrace Chapel, in a room under which the school meets. Number of scholars 180 boys and 150 girls—total 330, of whom 120 boys and 100 girls are under 5 years of age, and 60 boys and 50 girls between 5 and 15. Average attendance, 220. Number who also attend day-schools, 250. The longest period which children have continued to attend has been 7 years, until they have become teachers: 155 have entered during the last year. It is supported by two congregational and one annual collection in the Wesleyan chapel, and by public subscriptions. There is a lending-library both for teachers and scholars.

Hours of attendance from 9 to  $10\frac{3}{4}$ . Time devoted to direct instruction  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours. All are taught gratuitously spelling, reading, moral duties, the Scriptures, and the Wesleyan Catechisms; they receive prizes, and there are 4 visitors, who come in rotation.

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*Increase of Steam-Power in Lancashire and its immediate Vicinity.*

THE following Returns, which are taken from a Parliamentary document, will afford some notion of the astonishing progress which the cotton manufacture has made in Lancashire since the year 1835. From the most complete Returns that have yet been procured of the steam-power existing in the manufacturing districts, and which were furnished by the Inspectors of Factories, it appears that the total steam-power employed in the cotton-mills of Lancashire and Cheshire was 24,597 horses. The increase since 1835, including the mills now in erection, is, according to the subjoined account, 17,413 horses, of which 2036 are destined for purposes not connected with the cotton manufacture, leaving 15,377 as the increase in the cotton manufacture alone, which amounts to 62 per cent. upon the power existing in the whole of the counties of Lancashire and Cheshire at the date of the former returns. The 2036 horse-power not destined for the cotton manufacture is divided as follows:—

Collieries . . . . .	592		Paper-mills . . . . .	82
Woollen Manufacture . . . . .	410		Canal . . . . .	200
Woollen and Cotton ditto . . . . .	88		Brewery . . . . .	15
Silk ditto . . . . .	74		Iron Forges . . . . .	35
Linen ditto . . . . .	38		Nail-making . . . . .	24
Machine-making . . . . .	$351\frac{1}{2}$		Wood-grinding . . . . .	30
Corn-mills . . . . .	67		Timber-sawing . . . . .	30
			Total . . . . .	2036 $\frac{1}{2}$

Statement of the Increase of Steam-Power, which it was expected would occur in Two Years succeeding July 1835, in the Districts enumerated below; extracted from Dr. Kay's Report of July 1835.		Summary of Returns obtained in pursuance of the Order of the Select Committee on the Poor Law Amendment Act, exhibiting the Increase of Steam-Power which has occurred since 1835, and the Amount of Horse-Power of Steam now in course of erection in certain Districts of Lancashire; and in its immediate Vicinity.		
Name of Township or Parish which forms the Centre of the District so called.	Number of Horse-Power.	Name of District.	Number of Horse-Power erected in each District since January or July 1835.	Number of Horse-Power now in course of erection in each District.
Township of Hyde .	486	Hyde . . . . .	499	230
Ashton and Dukinfield .	640	Ashton, Dukinfield, &c. . . . .	838	373
Staleybridge . . . . .	606	Staleybridge . . . . .	720	82
Saddleworth(Greenfield)	60	Saddleworth . . . . .	140	..
Stockport . . . . .	936	Stockport . . . . .	826	60
Rochdale (district) .	660	Rochdale . . . . .	1,630	96
Heywood . . . . .	78	Heywood . . . . .	289	40
Spotland . . . . .	50	*Spotland . . . . .	..	..
Baglase . . . . .	60	*Baglase . . . . .	..	..
Birch . . . . .	10	*Birch . . . . .	..	..
Accrington . . . . .	50	Accrington . . . . .	180	..
Bolton (district) .	755	Bolton . . . . .	1,149	667
Leigh . . . . .	50	*Leigh . . . . .	..	..
Horwich . . . . .	175	*Horwich . . . . .	..	..
Wigan . . . . .	325	Wigan . . . . .	671	..
Bury . . . . .	120	Bury . . . . .	639	166
Haslingden . . . . .	70	Haslingden . . . . .	160	16
Burnley . . . . .	241	Burnley . . . . .	933	84
Bacup (district) .	196	Bacup . . . . .	202	209
Todmorden . . . . .	285	Todmorden . . . . .	127	247
Colne . . . . .	100	Colne . . . . .	242	130
Preston . . . . .	422	Preston . . . . .	658	368
Longendale, near Mottram . . . . .	70	†Longendale . . . . .	40	..
Blackburn . . . . .	280	Blackburn . . . . .	905	211
Chorley . . . . .	60	Chorley . . . . .	60	..
Bollington, near Macclesfield . . . . .	80	Macclesfield . . . . .	140	..
Glossop Dale . . . . .	187	Glossop . . . . .	182	..
Manchester . . . . .	395	Manchester . . . . .	1,316	1,058
Oldham . . . . .	60	Oldham . . . . .	636	74
		Clitheroe . . . . .	14	36
		Lancaster . . . . .	30	40
<b>Total Horse-Power</b>	<b>7,507</b>	<b>Total Horse-Power</b>	<b>13,226</b>	<b>4,187</b>

\* In the present Returns these small districts are placed under the name of the larger places in the vicinity of which they are severally situate.

† The residue of the power, included under the head "Longendale" in the former list, will be found in the present Returns in the Glossop list.

*An Address Explanatory of the Objects and Advantages of Statistical Enquiries.* Delivered at the Second General Meeting of the Statistical Society of Ulster, on the 18th May, 1838. By CAPT. J. E. PORTLOCK, R.E., F.R.S., &c. Belfast, John Hodgson.

IN the above Address, which has been printed at the request of the Statistical Society of Ulster, Captain Portlock has endeavoured to give an outline of the objects and extent of the science of Statistics. He